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APPARATUS HAVING BLANKING ) Application Serial No. 09/912,365, filed  
APERTURE AND BASIC FIGURE ) July 26, 2001  
APERTURE )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-identified divisional application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior application Serial No. 09/912,365, filed July 26, 2001, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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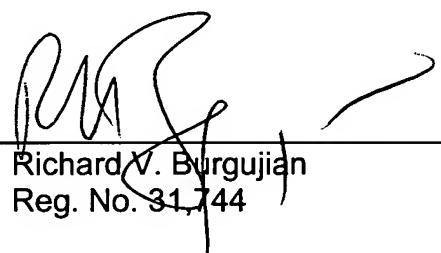
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